



**A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred,
NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

ACTION AGENDA

Hickory City Council
76 North Center Street

October 6, 2015
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Rev. Bill Garrard, Retired United Methodist Pastor
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2015. **(Exhibit IV.A.)**

Mayor Wright read and presented the Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week to Terri Byers of the Hickory Fire Department.

Ms. Byers advised citizens that they have smoke alarms available if anyone is in need of one.

Mayor Wright commented that the City had only had one fire death in 16 years, which was a homeless person in makeshift housing. Mayor Wright recognized the City's other heroes the Hickory Police Department who were in attendance.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting of September 15, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- A** B. Special Meeting of September 16, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.B.)**
- A** C. Special Meeting of September 24, 2015 **(Exhibit VI.C.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
- A2** A. Approval of a Landscape Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by First Lawyers, LLC, Located at 858 2nd Street NE in the Amount of \$2,500. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** B. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by Phillip McCluney Located at 903 10th Street NE, in the Amount of \$5,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** C. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-residential Property Owned by Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) Located at 31 1st Avenue NE, in the Amount of \$5,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**

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- A2** D. Acceptance of the Bid and Award of the Construction Contract to Hickory Sand Company, Inc. for the Construction of the Sherwood Forest Sewer Project in the amount of \$748,924.50. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** E. Grant Project Ordinance Number 2. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** F. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 6. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** G. Acceptance of the Bid for the Water Treatment Facility Emergency Power Generator Replacement Project with Crowder Construction Company in the amount of \$2,699,000. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.
- A1** A. Approval of the National Naval Aviation Museum Standard Renewal Loan Agreement for Loaned Aircraft and Artifacts Located at the Hickory Regional Airport. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**
- The City of Hickory/Hickory Regional Airport has on loan from the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM) certain retired aircraft and artifacts located at the Hickory Regional Airport and on display by the Hickory Aviation Museum. The Hickory Regional Airport has participated in and has had on loan property from the NNAM for over fifteen (15) years. The Loan Agreement with NNAM covers a period of five (5) years commencing September 1, 2015 and ending September 1, 2020 with an option for renewal. Staff recommends approval of the National Naval Aviation Museum Standard Renewal Loan Agreement for loaned aircraft and artifacts.*
- A** B. Approval of Eight Days of Vacation Time to Use as Door Prizes for Coworker Appreciation Day. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**
- Human Resources requests approval of eight days of vacation time to use as door prizes for the annual Coworker Appreciation event scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015, at Hickory Metro Convention Center. Five days are used as the grand prize and the other three days as additional door prizes. Staff recommends approval of eight days of vacation time for door prizes at the annual coworker event.*
- A1** C. Approval of the Contract Renewal with Socrata in the Amount of \$12,000. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**
- In an effort to provide greater transparency, the City of Hickory contracted with Socrata to present the FY 2016 Budget over the internet. Following the success and popularity of that initiative Staff recommends that we take the next step in transparency by utilizing Socrata's OpenExpenditures product. The open data portal will enable citizens to reduce the need for administrative assistance when seeking public information from the City. Staff recommends approval of the contract renewal with Socrata in the amount of \$12,000 for OpenBudget with the addition of Socrata's OpenExpenditures product for a one year term.*
- A** D. Approval of the Special Events Activities Application for Children's Advocacy and Protection Center Vigil, Kathleen Landry, Community Outreach Coordinator, October 20, 2015, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sails on the Square. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**
- PH** E. Call for Public Hearing for Consideration of Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of 11.936 acres Located in the 3000 Block of Short Road. **(Authorize Public Hearing for October 20, 2015) (Exhibit VIII.E.)**

PH F. Call for Public Hearing for Consideration of the Sale of Five City-Owned Properties Located on F Avenue SE. **(Authorize Public Hearing for October 20, 2015) (Exhibit VIII.F.)**

A G. Acceptance of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant (Non-Primary Entitlement Funds) in the Amount of \$150,000 for Airport Improvements. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), by Letter dated July 30, 2015, has allocated FAA Non-Primary Entitlement Funds under the State Block Grant Program for Federal fiscal year 2015 for the Hickory Regional Airport. The funds are to be used for airside safety needs first with consideration of other needed airport projects. These funds are to be expended no later than July 1, 2019. NCDOT has allocated Federal funds via Grant 36237.66.NPE.15 with the Federal share of \$150,000 and the local share of \$16,667 for airport improvements. Upon City Council's acceptances of the grant, any future proposed projects that fall under the guidelines of this grant will be brought back to Council for approval. Staff recommends Council's acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$150,000 from NCDOT.

A1 H. Budget Ordinance Amendment Number 7. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

1. *To recognize as revenue an \$850.00 donation from Patrick Beaver Friends of the Library for the purchase of senior bingo prizes.*
2. *To recognize a total of \$4,325 in donations and budget the same as a corresponding increase to the Recreation Department Supplies line-item. Of this total, \$4,000 was donated from Lowe's Foods for the Christmas Parade and \$325 for the Back 2 School Bash on August 15th at the Highland Recreation Center.*
3. *To recognize \$4,128 in revenue received from Caldwell County Railroad Company designated for railroad signal maintenance on Clement Blvd per highway license/maintenance agreement and via NCDOT's 2015 maintenance class rates.*
4. *To recognize revenue of \$77,464.88 from Teen Challenge North Carolina for extension of a waterline along St. Peter's Church Road to serve property on Valwood Road. Customer has paid for materials associated with this project, and this amendment will allow the City to procure same.*

A I. Approval of Amendments to the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Hickory and Blue Bloodhound, LP. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

On June 25, 2015 City Council approved the Economic Development Agreement with Blue Bloodhound, LP. Subsequent to Council approving the Agreement, Blue Bloodhound, LP created another company, Blue Bloodhound Management, LLC. Clue Bloodhound Management, an affiliate of Blue Bloodhound, LP, will be responsible for some of the performance of Blue Bloodhound, LP under the economic development agreement. Therefore, both companies need to be a part of the Agreement. In addition to adding the affiliate company's name to the Agreement, the due date for the Opinion of Counsel letters from the company and the City has been changed from August 31, 2015 to October 1, 2015. Other than adding Blue Bloodhound Management, LLC to the Agreement and revising the due date for the Opinion of Counsel letters, no other changes have been made to the Agreement. Staff requests Council's approval of the amended Economic Development Agreement between the City of Hickory, Clue Bloodhound, LP, and Blue Bloodhound Management, LLC.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

- A. Public Hearings
- B. Departmental Reports:
 - NA 1. Recycling Update
 - NA 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Other Minority VACANT
 Other Minority VACANT

HICKORY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms With Unlimited Appointments)
 (Appointed by City Council)
 Burke County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 8-6-2008
 Brookford (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT Since 6-2006
 Catawba County (Mayor to Nominate) VACANT

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

(Appointed by Mayor with the Concurrence of City Council)
 (8) Positions VACANT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 At-Large Minority VACANT

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 3 VACANT
 At-Large (Mayor Nominates) VACANT Mylinda Strittmatter resigned 9-8-2015

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
 Ward 3 VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Hickory Career Arts Magnet VACANT

- C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests
- XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)
- XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Mayor Wright commented that we can all be thankful that the Legislature is out of session, and also we dodged the rain. He commented about what the people in Columbia have been going through and what they will go through. He advised that Oktoberfest was this weekend, and recommended it, and that there was a Lenoir-Rhyne home game this weekend against Faith University. He commented about Lenoir-Rhyne's huge win on Saturday against Carson-Newman, which is always the toughest team in the conference. He encouraged citizens to attend the ballgame on Saturday, and to also attend the Oktoberfest, and have a big funnel cake.

Alderman Seaver advised that it was also Hickory High's homecoming this weekend.

City Attorney John Crone teased Alderman Meisner about when he attended Lenoir-Rhyne, and they wore leather helmets. He asked if Carson-Newman beat Lenoir-Rhyne back in those days.

Alderman Meisner commented yes they did.

Alderman Seaver shared a story about a student going into Hickory High dressed like a chicken. He commented that it was a homecoming activity. He said that traffic was stopped in front of the school because people were taking pictures of the chicken crossing the road.

Alderman Meisner advised that Hickory High's Girls Volleyball team is undefeated. They beat the number one team in the State last Saturday.

Mayor Wright commented that the meetings are not normally this easy.

City Manager Mick Berry advised that Staff had been working Council hard in workshops, and special meetings.

Mayor Wright commented about the City's audit and advised that it was a good audit. Staff, once again, had done a wonderful job. He commented that the numbers turned out okay. We will have challenges to face next year and future years with the devaluation, and with the loss of the privilege license. We are going into those things in as strong of a position as anybody in the State.

XIV. Adjournment

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